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BOARD OF FINANCE

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BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Clements-Chairman, R. Cleary, M. Joyse (arr. 8:30) B. Pinto, M. Varney, J. Wehr

OTHERS PRESENT: N. DiCorleto-Finance Officer, P. Hany-Pres. EVAC, R. Phillips-Town Planner, A. Patterson-Project Mgr., Trust for Public Land, R. Neal-Resident.

Chairman Robert Clements called the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 8:02 PM.

Citizens Forum

Mr. Neal, 17 Blueberry Circle, commended the Board of Finance for their efforts this budget season.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (PINTO) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 3, BUDGET HEARINGS OF MARCH 10, MARCH 24 AND MARCH 26 AND BUDGET DELIBERATIONS OF APRIL 21 AND APRIL 23, 2009 AS WRITTEN.

The Chairman then read into the record some revisions to the April 7, 2009 Public Hearing that the Superintendent of Schools, Stephen Cullinan, has recommended be made to the minutes.

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF APRIL 7, 2009 WITH THE REVISIONS AS READ INTO THE RECORD.

Additional Appropriations - EVAC Expansion Project \$5,880.

Peter Hany told the Board that this is an item that was not in the original contract. This is for a sidewalk that the Fire Marshal is requiring from one of the rear doors. It will be a part of the original contract for the building. Mr. Varney asked if this could be paid from the contingency

on the project and Mr. Hany told him that there is no contingency on this project. The contractor came in with a price slightly higher than the budgeted amount so he lowered his price with no contingency. Mr. Cleary asked why the plans were not reviewed before the project began. Mr. Hany told the Board that both the Building Official and Fire Marshal received copies of the plans for review. Mr. DiCorleto stated that the projects are so rushed that everyone does not get a chance to sign off before the work is started. He stated that they need more time to review the projects and that everyone should sign off before any work begins.

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$5,880 FOR THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT, TO BE FUNDED THROUGH THE EVAC CHARGING FUND ACCOUNT. THE \$5,880 WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE \$350,000 APPROPRIATION THAT WAS APPROVED FOR THIS PROJECT BY TOWN MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2008. FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO WARN A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2009 AT 7:15 PM AT THE ELLINGTON TOWN HALL TO CONSIDER THE \$5,880 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.

Tax Collector Suspension List

The chairman read the Tax Collector's memo into the record. She is recommending transferring 134 accounts to suspension for a total amount of \$17,874.52.

MOVED (CLEARY) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER TO SUSPENSION OF 134 ACCOUNTS TOTALING \$17,874.52 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR.

Financial Statements

The Finance Officer highlighted the items that have occurred this month. He and the First Selectmen went back out to bid for electricity and the Town will realize a price lower than continuing in the present contract. He has advertised for RFP's for the Revaluation which is due at the end of June. He has entered into a contract with Verizon for blackberries for Emergency Management and Department Heads. The Town has received very favorable pricing, the coverage is excellent with Verizon, and the file server program associated with these phones will be free to the Town. Tax Collections are at 98.4% which is higher than projected and the Building Dept revenues are above the projection due to the YMCA taking out their building permit in May. The bid specs for the asbestos and mold abatement for the Pinney House are completed.

Mr. Cleary asked if there was any advantage to delaying the revaluation. Mr. DiCorleto stated that if Ellington waits until all towns are doing their revaluations, the demand for the work will be higher and the price will also be higher. There are only four qualified firms that do this work. Also, the Tax Assessor feels that the values in Ellington have not changed dramatically since 2005.

Executive Session – Discuss Possible Land Purchase

Present: Finance Board Members, N. DiCorleto-Finance Officer, R. Phillips-Town Planner, A. Patterson-Project Mgr., Trust for Public Land

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:41 PM TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE.

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:23 PM.

Adjournment

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (CLEARY) AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Smith".

Lori Smith, Recording Secretary